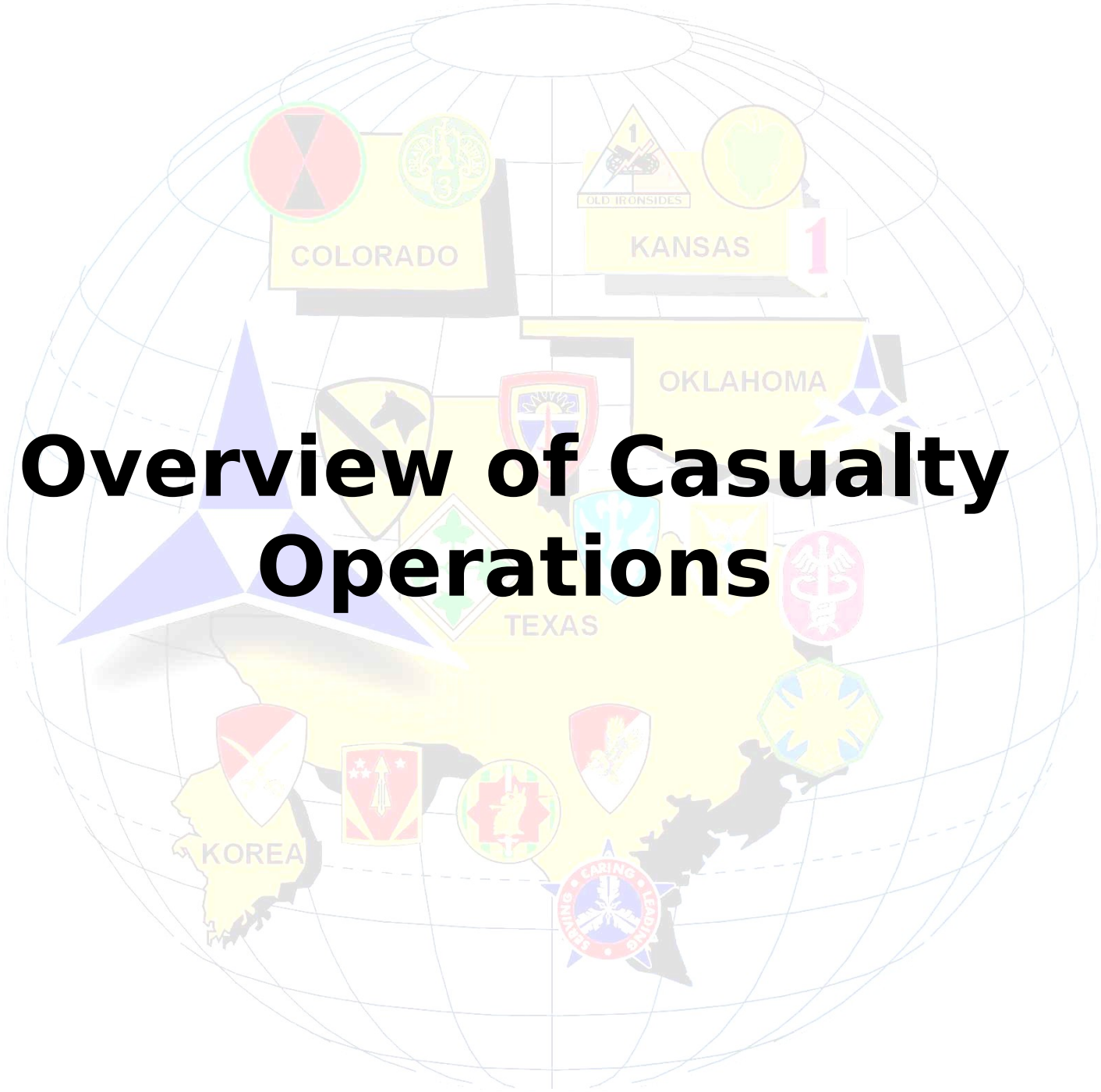


Overview of Casualty Operations

Casualty Definition

Anyone lost to an organization who is declared:

- **Dead, Wounded, Injured, Diseased**
- **Interned, Captured, Retained**
- **Missing or Missing in Action**
- **Beleaguered, Besieged or Detained**

Telephonic Notification

Indiv in these categories will require telephonic notification to the PNOK by the Cdr of a medical facility. When this is not possible, DA assumes responsibility.

- **VSI – Very Seriously Injured or Ill**
  - **Possible Death w/in 72 hours**
- **SI – Seriously Injured or Ill**
  - **Critical but stable**
- **SPECAT – Special Category**
  - **Stable special circumstances (I.e. loss of leg)**
- **NSI – Not Seriously Injured or Ill as a result of a Hostile Action**
  - **Reportable but indiv rtn to duty**
- **NSI – Not Seriously Injured or Ill as a result of a Non-Hostile action subject to special interest**

Not reportable (sprained ankles, broken legs, etc)

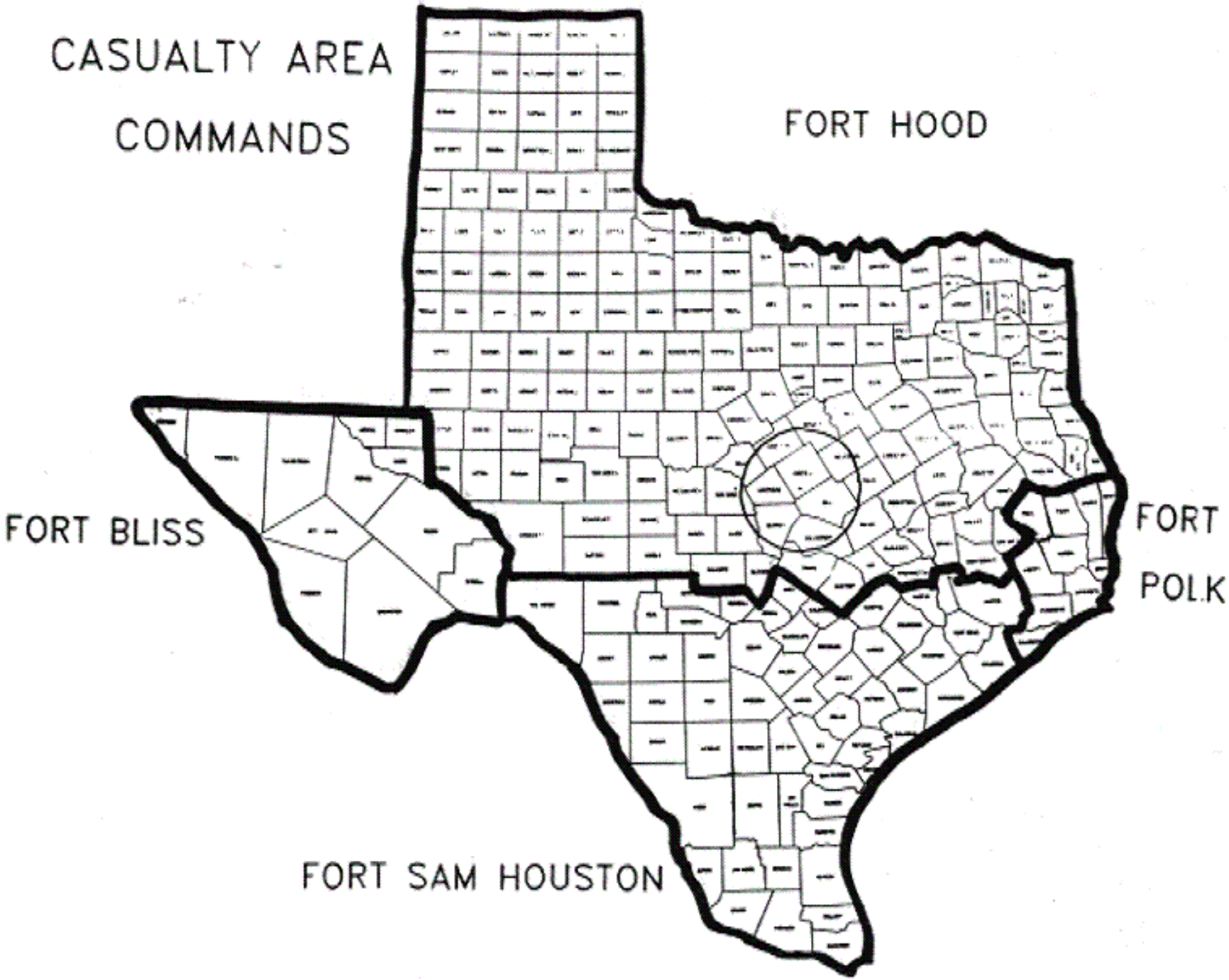
Personal Notification

Individuals in these categories will require in person notification and appointment of a Casualty Assistance Officer to the PNOK.

- **DUSTWUN – Duty Status Whereabouts Unknown**
- **Deceased**
- **MIA – Missing in Action**
- **Captured (POW) – Captured by hostile force**

Casualty Operations
Key Players

- **CG PERSCOM (CMAOC)**
- **Fort Hood Casualty Area Command**
  - **Medical Treatment Facility**
  - **Personnel Services Battalion**
  - **Division/Unit Emergency Operation Center**
- **Casualty Notification Officer**
- **Chaplain**
- **Casualty Assistance Officers**
- **Summary Court Officer**
- **Escort Officer**
  - **PAO**


CASUALTY AREA
COMMANDS
FORT HOOD
FORT BLISS
FORT
POLK
FORT SAM HOUSTON

Command Support Team

"There's no more effective way of creating bitter enemies of the Army by failing to do everything we can possibly do in a time of bereavement, nor is there a more effective way of making friends for the Army than by showing we are personally interested in every casualty that occurs." George C. Marshall, 1944

- **Command Support Team Requirements:**

  - Military Command Representative

  - Family Readiness Group Leader / Representative

- **Command Support Team Duties:**

  - Confirm that Notification is complete prior to phoning or visiting NOK

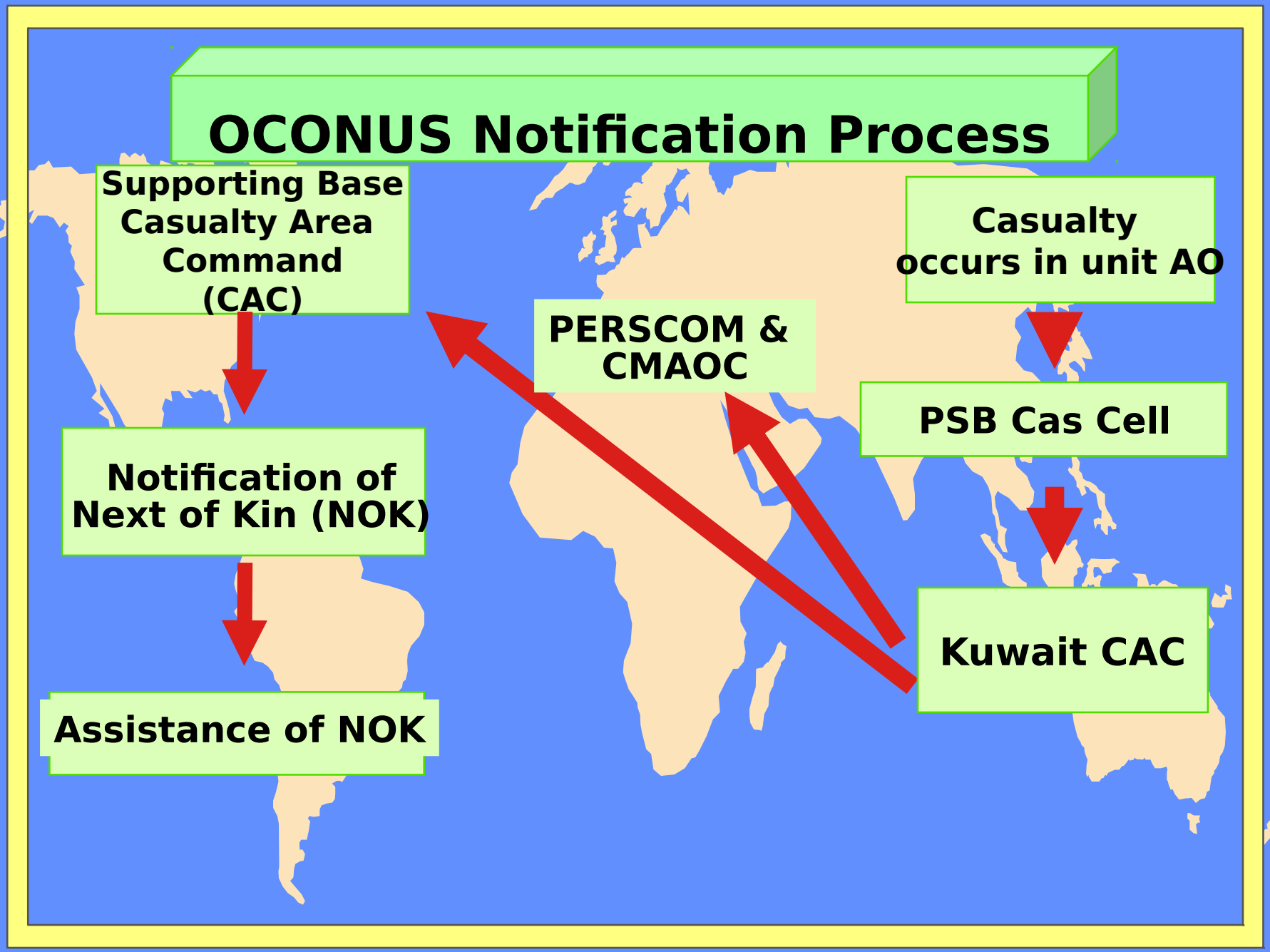
  - Offer Assistance / Support to assist with immediate needs (Child Care/Meal Prep/Phone Calls)

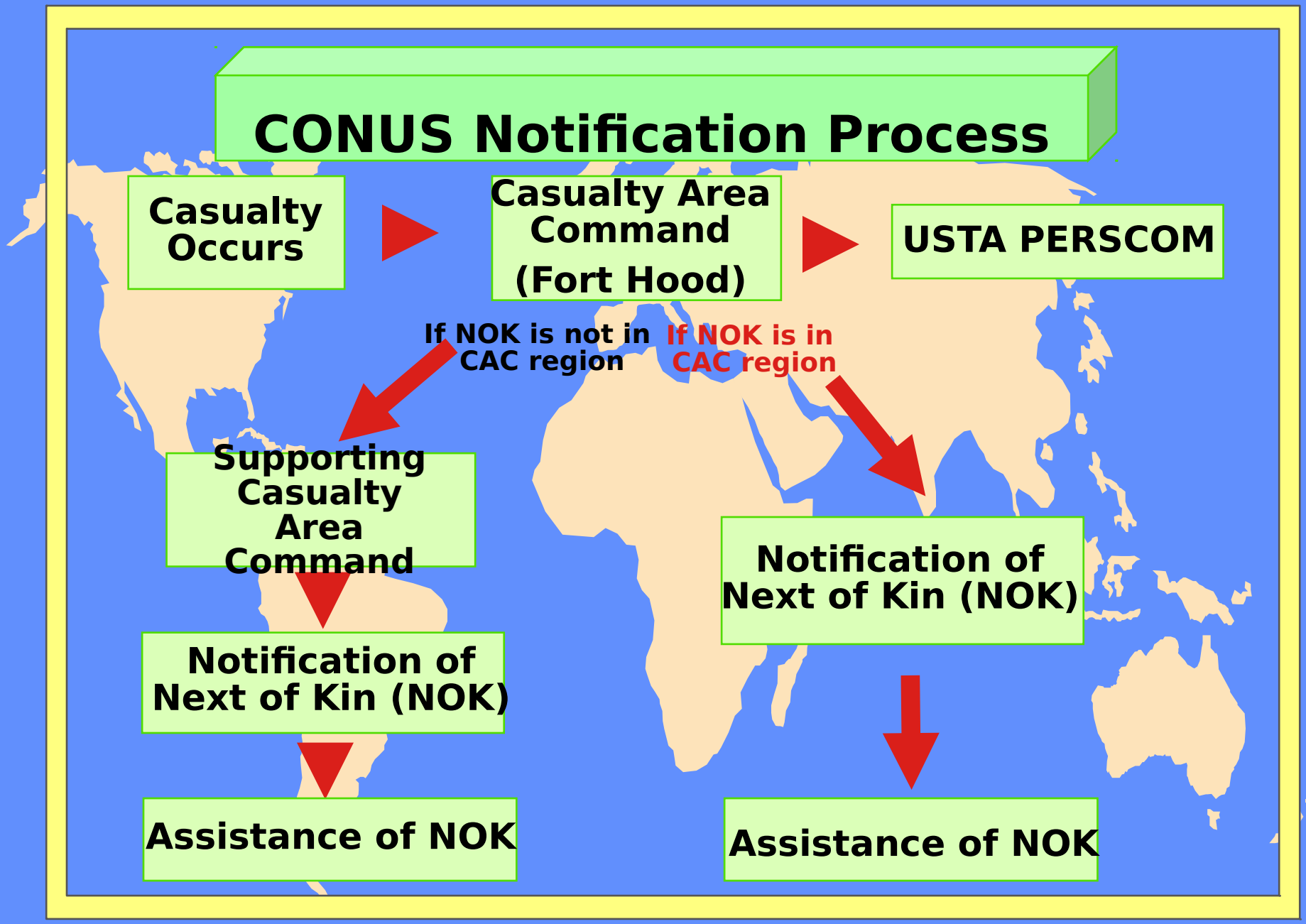
  - Do not discuss benefits / entitlements / funerals

Public Affairs Officer

There is an …

- **PAO Duties:**
  - Shield family from media scrutiny
  - Assist the Casualty Assistance Officer in dealing with the media
  - Assist family in preparing a statement
  - Deliver the statement on behalf of the family
  - Discourage family from talking to the media without having all available info
    - The media will report comments widely and will rebroadcast on camera interviews around the world
    - Repeated requests for interview or comment on operations
    - Local TV or newspaper doesn't mean your comments or interview will remain local


OCONUS Notification Process
Supporting Base Casualty Area Command (CAC)
Casualty occurs in unit AO
PERSCOM & CMAOC
PSB Cas Cell
Notification of Next of Kin (NOK)
Kuwait CAC
Assistance of NOK


CONUS Notification Process
Casualty Occurs
Casualty Area Command (Fort Hood)
USTA PERSCOM
If NOK is not in CAC region
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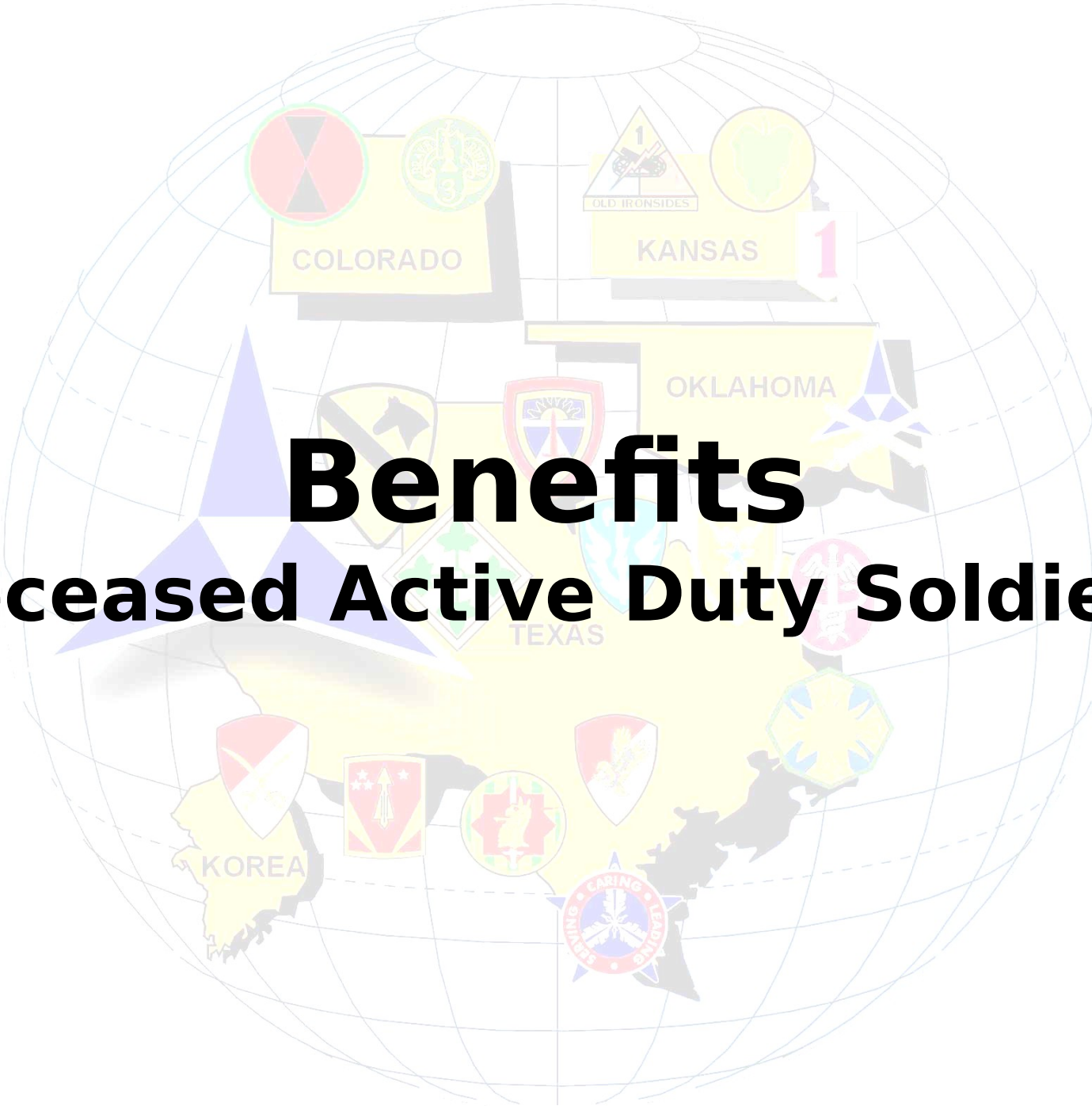

Benefits
(Deceased Active Duty Soldiers)

ACTIVE DUTY BENEFITS

IMMEDIATE BENEFITS:

- **Casualty Assistance Officer appointed to assist the family**
- **Death Gratuity Payment of $6000.00**
- **Burial Allowance – up to $6900.00**
  - **Transportation of Remains to Burial Site**
  - **Travel and Per Diem for Spouse and Children to Burial S**
- **Service Member Group Life Insurance (SGLI) up to $250,0**
- **ITO Orders to and from funeral location for Spouse and Ch**
- **All unpaid pay and allowance (to include bonuses & accrue**
  - Payment of 6 months of BAH or allowed to remain in

ACTIVE DUTY BENEFITS

LONG TERM BENEFITS:

- **VA Payment of Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC)**
  - **$948 – Spouse**
  - **$229 – Each Child**
- **VA Dependents Educational Assistance – 45 months**
  - **Spouse – 10 years from date of death**
  - **Children – Have until age 26 to use schooling assista**
- **Full ID Card Privileges**
- **Shipment all HHGs and personal property to a designated l**
- **Survivors Benefit Plan**
- **Social Security Benefits**

FAMILY MEMBER BENEFITS

All soldiers are entitled to some Casualty benefits they may not be aware of. If any soldier has a family member (Enrolled in DEERs) that becomes a casualty then they need to come to or call the Casualty Operations office at III Corps, BLDG 1001, room 124C, and receive assistance in filing for these benefits. We can be reached @ 287-7200 for any questions you may need answered.

EXAMPLE OF BENEFITS

- **Family Member SGLI Processing**
- **Reimbursement of transportation expense for family member funeral**

RETIREMENT PAY FOR SOLDIERS TDRL'd

HOW TO CALCULATE SBP

RETIREMENT PAY = 75% of Base Pay

SGT (w/8 years of svc) $2151.90 x .75 = $16
MAJ (w/15 years of svc)$5372.70 x .75=$39

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN = 55% of *Retired Pay*

SBP FOR SGT (w/8 yrs of svc) $1613.93x.55=$88
SBP FOR MAJ (w/15 yrs of svc) $3955.28x.55=$2

BENEFITS FOR A MAJ - (Over 14 years of Svc)

accured leave - Spouse - age 33 and one child - age 14 yrs)

Assumes Spouse lives to Age 62 - not remarried

Assumes Child does not go to college

								Base Pay	$5,372.70
								Retired Pay	$4,029.53
								BAH	$835.50
						BAS	$242.81	SBP	$2,216.24
						Spec Alw		Leave	
								DIC Spouse	$948.00
								DIC Child	$237.00
	ACTIVE DUTY				TDRL - with child only election for SBP				
ONE TIME LUMP SUM	Amount	MONTHLY ANNUITIES	Amount	ONE TIME LUMP SUM	Amount	MONTHLY ANNUITIES	Amount		
SGLV	$250,000.00	SBP-spouse	$1,268.24	SGLV	$250,000.00	SBP-child	$1,979.24		
BAH x 6 mo	$5,013.00	DIC Spouse	$948.00	BAH x 6 mo	$0.00	DIC Spouse	$948.00		
Unpaid Pay Lv		DIC Child	$237.00	Unpaid Pay Lv	$0.00	DIC Child	$237.00		
Death Gratituty	$6,000.00			Death Gratituty	$6,000.00				
Total	$261,013.00		$2,453.24	**Total**	$256,000.00		$3,164.24		
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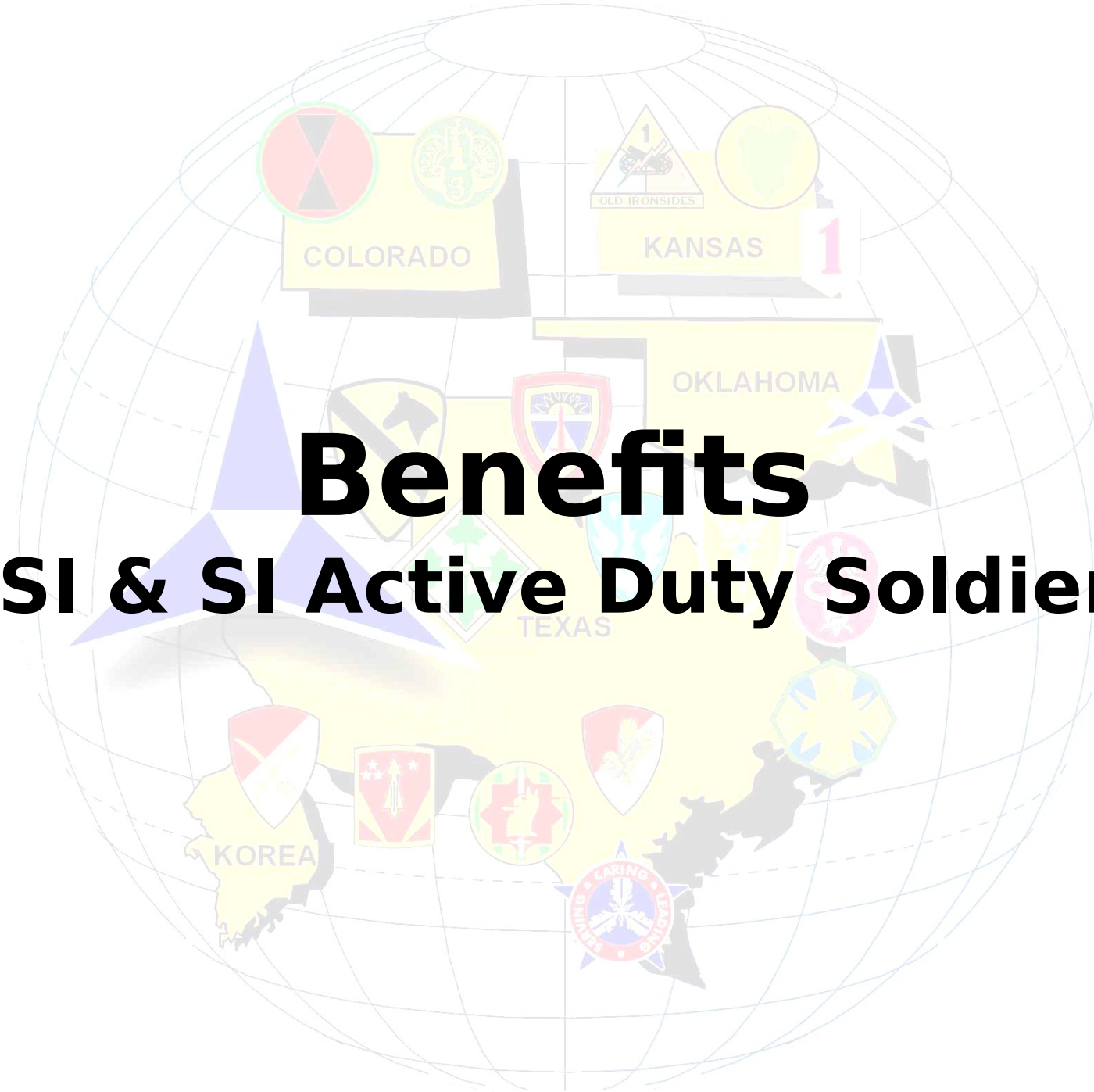
	TOTAL		**MONTHLY**		**TOTAL**		**MONTHLY**		
FIRST 18 YEARS	$790,912.57		$529,899.57		$939,475.57		$683,475.57		
TO AGE 62			$589,623.57				$238,896.00		
LIFE TIME BENEFITS	$1,380,536.14			**LIFE TIME BENEFITS**			$1,178,371.57		
		DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ACTIVE DUTY AND TDRL - -				**-$202,164.57**			



Benefits
(VSI & SI Active Duty Soldiers)

BENEFITS
NONE

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE
(If Required)

- **AER**

- **Possible travel to hospital if:**
  - **Attending Physician recommends family pres**
    - **Must sign DA 2984**
  - **Lodging in Fisher House at family expense (if**
- **Red Cross**
- **Command Support Structure**

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